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## FARM BODY RECOMMENDS AMENDMENT OF B.N.A. ACT

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Important Proposals Made in Submission Made to Rowell Commission by Gardiner

#### FARM PROBLEMS STRESSED

Constitutional Guarantees of Free Speech, Press and Assembly Under B.N.A. Act Sought

EDMONTON, Mar. 31st.—Declaring that the paradox of "poverty in the midst of plenty" is due to the working out of the profit system; that debt is so inseparable a part of the system that if all indebtedness were wiped out today the building of a debt structure just as burdensome would begin tomorrow; and setting forth at length in a closely reasoned brief the grounds upon which these conclusions are based, President Robert Gardiner stated in a brief to the Rowell Commission that either the present system, which is now in decline, would be replaced by an economic order completely co-operative in production and distribution, or would develop into a dictatorship designed to preserve to the privileged classes their present position of dominance.

#### Amendments to B.N.A. Act

"In the meantime," he said, "we desire to make some suggestions that if given effect, will tend to make less severe the harshness of the economic struggle."

Mr. Gardiner, who was accompanied at the hearing by Norman F. Priestley, Vice-President, then proposed amendments to the British North America Act along the lines indicated below, and made extensive recommendations for adjustment of economic affairs to remove present grave inequalities from which the primary producers in Canada suffer.

The brief recommended that the B.N.A. Act be amended so as to provide that the Federal Parliament shall have full legislative responsibility for and jurisdiction over the following:

"1. Legislation for the purpose of setting up national marketing agencies for the marketing of natural products in or outside of Canada; the producers to have proper representation on the boards created for this purpose.

"2. For unemployment and unemployment relief. . . . We believe that the authority that controls immigration should also have the full responsibility for unemployment and unemployment relief.

"3. Hours and conditions of labor. . . . We are of the opinion that the working classes are entitled to a uniform standard of hours and conditions of labor throughout the Dominion. . . .

"4. Having regard to the difference of opinion that exists, even in legal circles, as to the extent and nature of the legislation that may be passed

#### Announces Defence Program Extension Securities Tax Bill Is Dropped

Special to *The Western Farm Leader*  
By C. H. STOUT

EDMONTON, Mar. 30th.—It is now assured that the expected second section of the Securities Taxation Bill will not be brought down, this to extend the two per cent tax already proposed on first, second and third land mortgages. Former insurgent members advocating a general application of the securities taxation principle are obviously disappointed over the situation, but at this stage are unable to do anything definite about it.

Had the securities tax been extended as planned agreements of sale, machine company notes, liens of various kinds and practically all securities other than promissory notes would have been required to pay the two per cent tax on principal amounts.

It is not expected that the Legislature will finish this week. Prorogation in fact may not be possible until the end of next week.

#### STUBBORN DEFENCE OF LERIDA

BARCELONA, Mar. 30th.—Stiffened resistance of the Spanish Government forces defending Lerida was reported Wednesday.

The Labor Party are offering a vote of censure on the foreign policy of the British Government.

The 1938 Co-operative Congress, in Great Britain, will be the seventieth annual gathering of the kind.

China is now the third largest producer of cotton in the world, being exceeded only by the U.S. and India.

#### BULL SALE POSTPONED

Calgary's bull sale was postponed from Wednesday to Thursday this week, on account of blocked roads throughout the south of the Province.

Prime Minister Chamberlain has announced that the Government will fight any proposal to turn British mandated territory over to any other country.

#### CHINESE OFFENSIVE HALTED

Japanese armies in Central China, on Wednesday brought up additional big guns and bombing planes to enable them to hold their ground against the Chinese counter-offensive, which had driven them back on a hundred-mile front in central China. Very heavy casualties are reported.

Rising living costs with which small wage increases do not keep pace, and unemployment, are reported to be causing discontent with the Fascist regime in Italy. Peasants and unemployed are said to be showing open resistance to Fascist authorities, in and around Florence, and castor oil and beatings are being administered on a scale as great as at any time in the past.

#### ASK INCLUSION OF LARGE PROJECTS UNDER P.F.R. ACT

Hanna Agricultural Improvement Association Seeks Action for Drought Area Rehabilitation

#### PEARCE SCHEME ENDORSED

Experimental Sub-station Asked—Proposals of Lethbridge Conference Agreed to

HANNA, Mar. 30th.—Enlargement of scope of the P.F. Rehabilitation Act to include large scale irrigation projects; endorsement of the William Pearce Water Diversion Scheme; establishment by the Dominion Government of an experimental sub-station in the Hanna district, and other proposals for the benefit of the areas subject to frequent drought, were strongly urged at the Annual Meeting of the Hanna Agricultural Improvement Association here Saturday. In spite of bad roads, in many cases blocked with snow, 80 farmers attended to take part in the proceedings. One of those present spent four hours in travelling 14 miles in order to be present.

#### Agree With Lethbridge Decisions

The meeting was in full agreement with the work of the Lethbridge conference of A.I.A.'s, held earlier in March, which adopted a resolution presented by Jack Sutherland urging that payment for work on excavation in connection with the P.F.R.A. be increased from 4-1/2 to 10 cents per cubic yard; and from 25 to 50 cents for rock work; that farm wells be included in P.F.R.A. water conservation schemes; and that representation be given to actual dirt farmers resident in the drought area at meetings of the P.F.R.A. These proposals, as well as a request that the scope of the act be widened to cover large scale irrigation schemes, including the William Pearce scheme, originally made by the U.F.A. Executive some months ago, were all unanimously endorsed by the Lethbridge conference, attended by delegates of widely varying political affiliations.

The resolution asking that an experimental sub-station be established near Hanna originated in the Hanna U.F.A. Local, and was endorsed by the Hanna A.I.A., and sent on to the A.I.A.'s of Craigmyle, Delia, Garden Plains and Rose Lynn, and the Boards of Trade of Hanna and other centres and also sent on to Craigmyle and Lone Butte U.F.A.'s for endorsement before coming before Saturday's meeting.

#### Activity in Community Effort

Hanna Agricultural Improvement Association now has a membership of 245. It has distributed over 120 ten-pound samples of crested wheat grass seed for seed plots, to be used in growing (Continued on page 8)



Announcing a three-year defence program for Australia, Premier Joseph Lyons estimated that \$215,000,000 will be spent on armaments during that time. New expenditures planned total \$124,250,000. The Government plans to buy two cruisers from Great Britain and build additional vessels in Australian yards. The estimates did not overlook army or air force requirements.

by the Federal Parliament and the Provincial Legislatures for the purpose of the control and reduction of debt, we suggest that this matter be carefully studied by competent persons with a view to securing such amendments to the act as may be necessary to clarify the situation, particularly as to the extent and nature of Federal and the extent and nature of Provincial control.

#### Interest Rates

"5. We suggest a similar investigation into the question of the control of interest rates.

"It is conceded that interest rates generally are under the control of the Federal Parliament but there are those who claim that interest rates on agreements of sale, mortgages, etc., come under the control of the Provincial Legislatures by virtue of the fact that a Province has the exclusive right to make laws in relation to 'Property and civil rights in the province.' We are of the opinion that interest rates that have their genesis in property and civil rights should be under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Legislatures.

"6. We strongly recommend that a new section be inserted in the Act guaranteeing to every person in Canada the constitutional right of free speech, free press and free assembly. The British North America Act is the constitution of Canada. We cannot conceive of an enduring Confederation if any Provincial Legislature is permitted to pass legislation that will have the effect of reducing the freedom of persons living in that province in comparison to the freedom enjoyed by persons living in other Provinces."

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### Answers to Questions From Subscribers

By HON. J. E. BROWNLEE, K.C., LL.D.

#### Cannot Withdraw from F.C.A.A.

L.K.C. — (a) I understand from your letter that you made application under the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act and the Board of Review issued a proposal with respect to same which has no doubt since been confirmed in Court. If this is the case, there is no way you can now withdraw from under that Act. I presume you are aware that no moratorium is now in effect in this Province. A bill has been passed allowing the Government to bring in a moratorium by proclamation but so far it has not been proclaimed.

(b) If you hold the notes referred to as a creditor you can make application to the Debt Adjustment Board for permission to commence action to collect same. Whether or not the Board would give you permission to proceed I cannot say without further particulars than contained in your letter.

#### Reconditioned Tractor

T.I.—As the tractor purchased by you was a reconditioned one you do not have the protection of the Farm Machinery Act which provides for

certain statutory guarantees by the vendor with respect to the fitness of the machine. This Act only applies to the purchase of new machinery. A solicitor therefore would have to see your contract for purchase and also know what evidence is available as to the terms and conditions of the purchase and the manner in which the machine has failed to operate satisfactorily before advising you as to what remedy you have. I suggest you should make every effort to work out a settlement with the Company before thinking of legal action.

#### Cancellation of Agreement

O.R.B.—Under the circumstances set out in your letter I certainly advise you to have an application made to the Debt Adjustment Board for permission to commence proceedings for the cancellation of the Agreement for Sale. The purchaser would either have to reasonably comply with the terms of purchase or you would be given permission to commence proceedings. I am sure the Debt Adjustment Board would not permit the purchaser to remain on this land without at least making some reasonable payment to you unless the land is in the drought area. The description in your letter is not sufficient to inform me where the land is located. If it is in the dry area then you might have difficulty in getting permission to proceed. I advise you to place your agreement in the hands of a responsible solicitor.

#### Farmer in Bankruptcy

A.A.C.—If the farmer went into bankruptcy under the circumstances set out in your letter, the secured creditors would, when filing their claims, put a value on their security. The liquidator could then either assume the property at the valuation agreed upon or if he does not think there is any equity over and above the valuation he can turn the property over to the creditor in satisfaction of the creditor's claim. If the farmer in question goes into bankruptcy he should consider making a claim for his exemptions.

#### F.C.A.A. Takes Precedence

C.H.T.—As you have had a proposal under the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act your entire concern is to comply with the directions therein made by the Board of Review, regardless of the terms of any Provincial Statute. I would have to know the terms of the proposal before advising you further. The Crop Payments Act, at best, only gives the creditor the right of ownership of a one-third share of the crop less one year's taxes and one-third of the costs of threshing. There is nothing in the recent legislation which affects applications under the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act.

#### Public Dances

X.Y.Z.—The Dominion Lord's Day Act makes it unlawful to hold any public game or performance on Sunday at which any fee is charged directly or indirectly. It would be unlawful therefore to hold a public dance at which any fee is directly or indirectly charged. Furthermore there are certain rules and regulations covering the licensing of public halls. You should communicate with the Deputy Provincial Secretary to enquire whether you would be risking the cancellation of the license if a dance were held in the hall at which no fee was charged.

"Doctor," said the sick man, "the other doctors seem to differ from you in their diagnosis of my case."

"I know," replied the medical man cheerfully, "but the post-mortem will show which of us is right."

## Held as Hostage



Fear of savage reprisals by the Nazis against his young son, Kurt, (above), whom the Hitlerite forces held as a hostage, caused former Chancellor von Schuschnigg to refuse opportunities to escape from the country. He is now held prisoner in his Vienna home. This week Goering, described by the London *Daily Telegraph* as "the apostle of brutality," announced that von Schuschnigg will be tried for "treason." Hitler has also announced the forthcoming trial.

## New Social Credit Bill Places Board Under Department

Board of Five Members to Be Continued—Hooke Will Replace Berg

Special to *The Western Farm Leader*

EDMONTON, Mar. 30th. — With notification given that the Alberta Social Credit Act of 1937, under which the present Social Credit Board was created, is to be repealed, is attached another measure termed the Social Credit Realization Act. This bill continues the Social Credit Board of five members but places them directly under a Ministry of the Government, instead of having them subject to the Legislative Assembly as heretofore.

The Realization Bill is lengthy, but it preeminently provides for the Social Credit Board being continued, and it specifically sets out that where the act comes in conflict with any other act of the Province the new Social Credit Act shall prevail. Chairman G. L. MacLachlan, secretary F. M. Baker, Dr. J. L. McPherson and W. E. Hayes, are retained as members but S. A. Berg, Alexandra, is replaced by A. J. Hooke, Red Deer, on the Board. Policy is defined in the bill "as the measures and line of conduct conducive to the realization of Social Credit in the Province," and the Board is authorized to "devise ways and means for the evaluation, conservation, enhancement, advancement and realization of Social Credit to the people of the Province." The Board also is given wide powers to investigate, formulate and adopt policies, to carry out measures as may be deemed advisable for "counteracting any action or influence likely to impair or jeopardize the Social Credit of the Province," and among many other things to make rules and regulations and engage technicians and experts.

The old Alberta Social Credit Act, to be repealed, was considered by Sir Lyman Duff, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, to be unconstitutional.

The National Co-operative Authority, Great Britain, has decided to boycott Japanese goods.

## CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

## DELEGATES VOTE DOWN PROPOSAL TO SELL CONDENSERY

**Power to Investigate Possibility of  
Leasing Is Given Directors**

RED DEER, Mar. 22nd.—A meeting of delegates was held in Red Deer yesterday. Mr. Ronald Pye, Penhold, being elected to the chair, called on Mr. O. W. Hueppleheuser, Secretary of the Board, to outline the purpose of the meeting, read out a resolution of the Board to the effect that owing to inadequate capital and the pressure for the payment of the 1936 dividend, the Board recommended the sale of the Red Deer Condensery.

During the afternoon session various plans were suggested for dealing with the 1936 dividend, which the meeting agreed was the most serious problem facing the Pool. The resolution to sell the Condensery being voted down, the possibility of leasing the Condensery was suggested by Mr. Cochran of Alhambra. Mr. John Reid of Leslieville moved a resolution giving the Directors power to investigate any such proposition and report back to the Annual Meeting, which carried. After the introduction of several resolutions on the matter, one instructing the Board to ask for the resignation of their Manager finally took effect.

### Dairy Federation Is Represented at Empire Conference

Gathering Opens This Week at  
Sydney, N.S.W.—Marketing  
Problems to Be Studied

Representing some 125,000 dairy farmers in Canada, the Canadian Dairymen's Federation is represented at the Empire Producers' Conference which opened in Sydney, Australia, on Monday, March 28th, in the person of H. B. Cowan, of Peterboro, Ont., who is one of four delegates who are speaking for Canada at the Conference.

#### Canada and New Zealand

Mr. Cowan is thoroughly familiar with the problems of the producers in this field, and it is expected that he will voice the views of Canadian dairy producers upon the empire marketing problems as they affect Canada. New Zealand is a large dairy producer and her products have come into competition in Canada with Canadian producers, at times under unfortunate circumstances. All these matters, it is anticipated, will be gone into during the course of the conference.

In the Canadian Dairymen's Federation, producers are divided into four groups: liquid milk producers, who ship whole milk and cream for city consumption and who serve all the leading markets from Halifax to Vancouver; cheese producers, located chiefly in Ontario and Quebec but including producers on the prairies and in British Columbia also; cream shippers, representing by far the largest division of the industry and located in every Province; and producers of concentrated milk, composed principally of Ontario producers but representing also important groups on the prairies and in B.C.

All four groups are keenly interested in the Empire Agreements, in national and Empire marketing policies, in the possibility of setting up a national board in Canada, and in methods of reducing the cost of manufacture.

#### Study Guaranteed Price Plan

It is expected that Canadian delegates to the conference in Sydney will make a special study of the experience gained in New Zealand under the system of guaranteed prices

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But success depends upon loyalty to your own enterprise. Your opponents can only hope to defeat you by destroying that loyalty. Remember, a little gain today, if it means the sacrifice of loyalty, may mean big losses tomorrow. Stand by your co-operative enterprise!

### Eight Major Factors in Profitable Operation of Dairy Farm Are Outlined

#### Support of Your Co-operative Dairy Is One of Most Important

Seven major factors which rule the profitable operation of a dairy farm were outlined by the superintendent of a Dominion Experimental Farm recently. We will add an eighth, which we consider one of the most important.

The seven factors were:

1. The major part of livestock feeds must be grown on the farm.

2. Available feeds must govern the rate of herd increase.

3. Definite crop rotation, cultural methods, fertilization and selection of seed must be followed to assure maximum yields.

4. Machinery must be in readiness well in advance of the season to avoid delays in seeding and harvesting. (To this might be added an urgent reminder to those responsible for seed relief in the dry areas, where every delay must again gravely cripple the farmers' seeding operations).

5. Pasture areas must be carefully selected and properly maintained.

6. Supplementary green feed must be provided for the dry seasons.

7. Individual production of each cow must be carefully checked so that a maximum herd production can be maintained.

And our addition:

8. Building up by the producers of their own co-operative creameries to ensure a maximum share of the consumers' dollar for the producer. This means loyal co-operation with your own co-operatives, in the face of all efforts to break your ranks.

#### COMPENSATION

"I don't like the look of your husband," said the doctor. "Neither do I," the wife replied, "but he's good to his children."

for dairy products instituted by the Government of that Dominion; and that this information will prove of great value to Canadian farmers who are anxious to bring about a satisfactory solution of their marketing problems. The New Zealand experiment has been proceeding now for more than two seasons, and its advantages and disadvantages will be impartially studied.

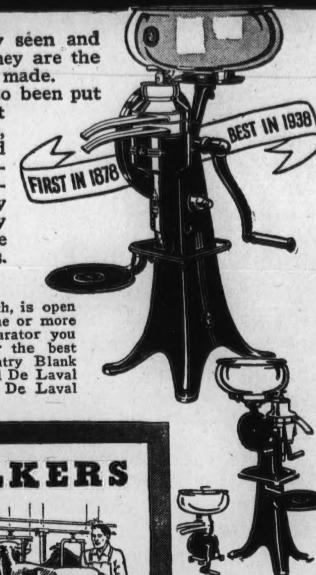
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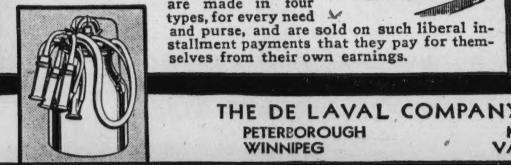
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### Points Dairy Cattle Judges Consider

Just how does a dairy cattle judge rule on the udder? Many persons are not sure of the grounds on which his judging is done, so the following points which were specially considered by judges at the recent Pennsylvania Farm Show at Harrisburg, may prove of interest:

The judge likes an udder that is large, but is rather particular about its shape. It should be wide in back and attached fairly high, level on the bottom, run well out along the belly and be firmly attached in front. An udder of quality is indicated by a loose, pliable udder when it is milked out. This is the reason the judge often requests the exhibitors to milk out the cows before making his final placing. If the udder is still firm and hard after milking out, this is an indication of a meaty udder, which does not go with high milk production. The milk veins on the belly of the cow should be large and crooked, as this is usually a sign of a good milker. The teats should be medium in size and squarely placed.

These are points worth considering, though we have seen wonderful cows with decidedly out of shape udders.

### States Good Market in U.K. and U.S. for Quality Dairy Cows Exists Now

For good quality Canadian dairy cows, free from disease, there is a good market in the United States and Great Britain, Dr. H. Barton, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, informed a joint session of the Canadian Dairy Farmers' Federation and the Canadian Livestock Conference, recently.

"There is a chance for additional income for Canadian dairy herd owners.

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## ACTION AT HANNA

Dirt farmers of the drought-affected areas are not content merely to wait for Governments to formulate (at their leisure) policies for the rehabilitation of those areas. They are alert, ready to give to the authorities the advantages of their own experience and knowledge and to press for action. They are tired of waiting; tired of the slowly moving policies of Governments in general in such matters. They are organizing their forces.

This, at least, would seem to be indicated in the report of last Saturday's meeting of the Agricultural Improvement Association at Hanna, of which a brief report is given elsewhere in this issue. It is indicated by the nature of the resolutions adopted, by the membership of the Association, and by the fact that in spite of bad roads blocked with snow, so many attended the meeting.

This community activity should be welcomed (and no doubt will be) by both the Dominion and Provincial Governments. If these Governments are in earnest (the proposals dealt with at the recent meeting mainly concern the Dominion Government, since only this Government possesses the large resources necessary for the financing of such enterprises as the William Pearce Water Diversion project) they will take full advantage of the co-operation which the farmers themselves are so ready to give to those who are seriously anxious to solve the problems of the areas where average rainfall is low.

The U.F.A. Locals in the district concerned have taken an important part in building up the Agricultural Improvement Associations. Party politics do not enter into any of the discussions. At Hanna, as at Lethbridge, farmers of differing political affiliations, or of none, find it possible to work together harmoniously for the good of their communities. The spirit of tolerance, of co-operation, of team work, is growing. The faster it grows, the sooner will the farming industry take its rightful place in our economic life.

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Among the courses which the Hanna meeting recommended to the Dominion Government was the enlargement of the scope of the Prairie Farmers'

Rehabilitation Act to include large irrigation projects. The need to proceed immediately with the development of the William Pearce Water Diversion scheme was rightly emphasized.

This scheme, of course, is only to a limited extent an "irrigation" scheme, in the commonly accepted sense of the term. A large area could be served with water by the construction of works comparatively low in cost. Engineers' estimates made some fourteen years ago showed that at the high prices for excavation then prevailing (the prices would be very much lower today) and prices for land which today would be fantastic, a large part of the project could be carried out for \$27,000,000 or less. A smaller section of the enterprise, which might be undertaken as a beginning, and would fit later into the larger project, could, according to the estimates, be carried out for approximately half that figure.

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Several other important recommendations were made by the Hanna meeting. The farmers asked for an experimental sub-station to be established in the Hanna district—an eminently reasonable request which we trust will be met at an early date. They asked that the farmers should be given representation at meetings of the administration of the Prairie Farmers' Rehabilitation Act—another most reasonable suggestion the adoption of which would, we are satisfied, prove of great practical advantage to the administration. It was asked also that the present inadequate rates of pay for excavation should be raised.

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## DOMINION RESPONSIBILITY

In the brief presented to the Rowell Commission in behalf of the United Farmers of Alberta, President Gardiner put squarely upon the Dominion Government responsibility for the solution of the major problems of farm rehabilitation.

"The Dominion Government," he stated, "was responsible for the policies which resulted in the settlement of Western Canada. The magnitude of problems of re-settlement, drought area relief, farm rehabilitation and use of irrigation is too great for Provincial authorities under present limitations.

## AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR

(Kingsley Martin in *The New Statesman*, London, England.)

When the historian comes to analyse the reasons for the collapse of European civilisation in the twentieth century, he will find nothing so difficult to explain as the part played by the British ruling class. For it needs no intelligence at all to see that the collapse of Europe involves that of the British Empire. At this eleventh hour when it may still just be conceivably possible to salvage our civilisation, the bulk of British Conservatives seem unconscious of facts which are really inescapable. . . . Already overnight the object for which ten million men lost their lives in the last war has been lost.

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Blindness about the Spanish war is much more extraordinary. A fantastic fear that the Spanish people might become what Hitler and Mussolini love to call Communists—they use the word to include the majority of French and British subjects—seems to have been mainly responsible for the Conservative policy, which has been to collaborate in a Committee of Non-Intervention with the principal intervening Powers, while the most heroic efforts of the Spanish people were gradually worn down by the unlimited supply of men, munitions and aeroplanes from Germany and Italy. Today, for the first time since November, 1936, the Spanish Government is in imminent danger of defeat. . . . No amount of courage, no sacrifice, no self-discipline—and the Spaniards have shown all three—can withstand an overwhelming mastery of the air. The British have stood idly by while the Fascist Powers have sunk the ships that have brought the Government reinforcements and supplies of aeroplanes. And this on high seas, always considered vital communications which the British navy is supposed to secure.

During the last few weeks, with the influence of Mr. Eden removed and a clear hint to the dictators that Britain now had a Prime Minister who had no intention of thwarting their plans, limitless supplies have poured in from Germany and Italy. . . .

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No one believes in Mr. Chamberlain; his discredit and failure are hourly more obvious. The discipline, the conscription of wealth and of British manhood, which are necessary, can only be put forward by a broadly based government which includes Mr. Eden, Mr. Churchill and the Labour and Liberal leaders. It is time the people of England told Mr. Chamberlain in unmistakable language that for a policy of connivance and encouragement to Fascism the British nation is not prepared for more taxation, for more conscription or for discipline, but that there is no sacrifice it is not prepared to undergo for a government which really intends to throw its weight on the side of democracy and against aggression, and therefore possibly even at this eleventh hour may avert the overwhelming catastrophe that threatens the world. We ought to be clear about this if ever about anything in our lives: in the absence of such a statement and the formation of such a government it is suicidal to arm for a hopeless war for the remnants of the British Empire.

These should be a national responsibility.

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Mr. Gardiner stressed the need for the adoption by the Canadian Parliament at Ottawa of a permanent policy "with a view to re-settlement of misplaced families, adjustment of agricultural operations in drought areas, use of available water supplies, etc."

## RETICENCE UPON FOREIGN AFFAIRS STILL CONTINUES

Defence Expenditures not Incurring Criticism to Any Extent at This Time

### SEED ADVANCES

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OTTAWA, Mar. 30th.—The Government continues to be reticent upon foreign affairs, and there has been no statement of its policies in reference to Canada's attitude in relation to the grave developments in Europe and Asia, other than the statement that its position remains unchanged.

Canada's national defence policy, so far at least, seems to be meeting with less opposition this year than last. The 1937 estimates passed without any great criticism. Opposition was confined to from 12 to 15 members. This year some of these members have announced that they have changed their attitude. The main cause of this change is doubtless the situation abroad.

### \$34,000,000 for Defence

In support of his estimates of 34 million dollars Mr. Ian Mackenzie, Minister of National Defence, explained that the Government has adopted a long range armament plan to "preserve Canadian neutrality and defend Canada's coast lines, ports, terminals and trade routes from aggression."

Two new destroyers are being added to the navy, making six destroyers in all; seventy-five planes being added to the air force will bring the number of modern planes up to 102. A well equipped air force, Mr. Mackenzie stated, was of primary importance to Canadian defence. There would be longer periods of training for all branches of the service this year.

### Plans Laid by Parliaments

Mr. Mackenzie stated that the basis of Canada's armament policy was the same now as had been explained last year. The Parliaments of the Dominions decided the scope and nature of their defence policies. "Canada," the Minister said, "is definitely opposed to extraneous commitments of any kind, and to any type of extraneous entanglements. But public opinion in Canada today is in favor of a rational policy composed of reasonable measures for the defence of Canada. And public opinion in Canada, the opinion of the people, regardless of the action or inaction of any Government, in the final analysis will decide the issues which may arise in the future."

### Seeding Advances

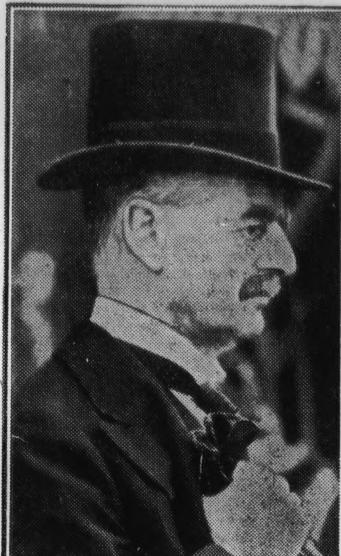
The Dominion Government will guarantee an advance of \$1,900,000 to the farmers of Alberta for seeding purposes and \$14,500,000 to the farmers of Saskatchewan. Provision for these guarantees is contained in a bill introduced in the House of Commons by Mr. Dunning, Minister of Finance. In this way, the Minister said, farmers in the drought areas will have the seed needed for the season's crop, and fortunately, at this time at least, moisture conditions appear better than last year.

The way the guarantees work is that the farmers are lent the money by the Municipalities, which receive a guarantee from the Province which in turn gets the guarantee of the Dominion. There is no similar arrangement this spring for Manitoba, as that Province apparently has made adequate provision for seeding without assistance.

### Special Freight Contracts

Mr. Howe's bill to create a Board of Transport, after passing second read-

### Confers at Cliveden



Plans for "mediation" between Hitler and the Czech Government were considered by Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and Lord Halifax, British Foreign Minister, at a conference at Lord and Lady Astor's country estate, "Cliveden", last week-end. It is feared that these plans may include advice to Czechoslovakia to concede so much of what Hitler demands as will lead to virtual Nazi domination of the state which Britain helped to create. "Cliveden" is the meeting place of the most pro-Nazi members of the Conservative party, some of whom have in the past openly advocated Nazi expansion at the expense of small states of Eastern Europe.

ing, has gone into committee for careful analysis of all its provisions. An important feature of the bill, used for the first time on the American continent, will enable the railways to make contracts with certain shippers on a basis of agreed charges. This provision will help the railways in competition with the trucks. It will not be discriminatory, it is explained, because small shippers can obtain the same rates as the larger and any shipper that feels he is not receiving fair treatment may appeal to the Transport Board. The plan of railways contracting with shippers on a basis of agreed charges has been tried with success in the United Kingdom.

### New Radio Station for West

There will be a new high powered radio station in the Prairie Provinces and another in the Maritimes in operation by the end of this year, according to the promise of L. W. Brockington (formerly of Calgary) head of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's board of governors, made before the parliamentary radio committee. One of these stations is already operating in Ontario and another in Quebec so that by the end of the year Canada will have four of them, giving primary coverage to 84 per cent of the population. Canada will have the very finest form of entertainment for fourteen hours out of the twenty-four every day.

### Export of Power

The decision of the Government of the United States not to allow the importation of Canadian power leaves the effort of the Ontario Hydro Electric Commission's efforts to get a license to export 110,000 horse power to New York State high and dry. The United States Government wishes to make an agreement with Canada to construct the St. Lawrence seaway and install two million horse power of electric energy in the international rapids section of the river. Just now, however, there is very little public opinion in Canada favorable to the enterprise.

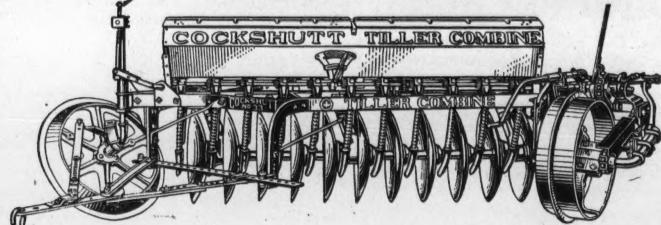
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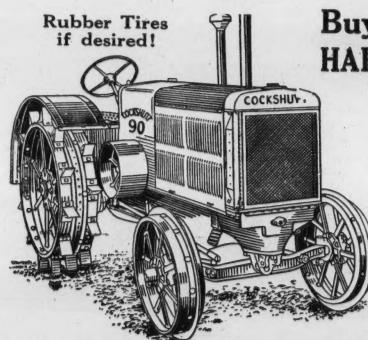
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**MEMBERS' RETURN ASSEMBLY MARKED BY DEMONSTRATION**

Unprecedented Scenes When Joseph H. Unwin Takes Seat Again in Legislature

Special to *The Western Farm Leader*

EDMONTON, Mar. 30th.— Sparks from the Social Credit victory in East Edmonton fell into the basket of political fireworks in the Legislature last week and even the press gallery narrowly escaped a scorching before the last sky rocket and spray-bomb flared and the House was cleared and locked up for the week-end.

Almost simultaneously with the announcement of Orvis Kennedy's win in East Edmonton came the news that the Dominion Government had released Joseph Unwin, member for Edson, from Fort Saskatchewan jail where he had served half of a three months' sentence.

Unwin was hurried to Edmonton in time to take part in the victory parade, and joined with Social Credit leaders and others in celebrating the success. Next day Mr. Unwin came back to the Legislature.

**Demonstration in Assembly**

This return was heralded by one of the most remarkable sights ever witnessed in a British Legislature when Government members joined

crowded public galleries in prolonged cheers, songs and shouts for Unwin, Kennedy and Powell, the latter still in the Provincial jail, and climaxed the demonstration by a boisterous snake-dance, or lock-step, round the assembly chamber. Mr. Speaker discreetly left the room, but the royal mace lay on the table while the carefully planned hilarity was at its height, and the sergeant-at-arms smiled on proceedings without a protest.

**Budget Debate Ends**

Immediately prior to the election in East Edmonton, the debate on the budget was brought to a close after a run of three weeks, and a grist of major legislation dumped on to the clerk's table before the House rose for the week end, March 19th, and prepared to put the finishing touches on the by-election campaign.

One of these pieces of legislation was a proposed bill to place a Provincial tax on farm production. This measure will be briefly explained in another section of *The Western Farm Leader*.

During the last week about \$20,000 worth of estimates were voted and the budget brought within a few "agreements" of final endorsement. The new fiscal year in which the budget applies begins at midnight, April 1st.

**Reporter Arraigned**

Time was taken off, however, from committee on supply to enact another unique and dramatic scene in the Alberta House. This was the trial of Don Brown, press galley reporter for the *Edmonton Journal*, whose offense as probed by the committee on privileges, consisted of reporting J. L. Robinson, Social Credit member for Medicine Hat, as being opposed to a motion of A. J. Hooke, Red Deer, that chiropractors be specially named as qualified to give "remedial aid" under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

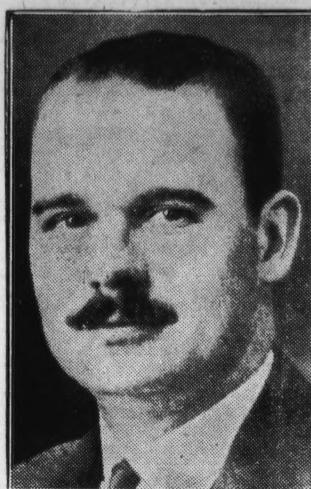
Mr. Robinson, a chiropractor, claimed he had been injured in his professional capacity though he had spoken at length on at least two occasions during the debate endorsing most emphatically the compensation committee's report that "remedial aid" instead of "medical aid" was satisfactory and "going a long way" to meet the chiropractors' viewpoint. In a closing sentence, however, he said he would support the Hooke motion, a gesture that the reporter evidently overlooked, hence the sensational trial.

Government members on the privileges committee, termed by Joseph Unwin, a member, "the highest court in the land," and from which there was no appeal, found Mr. Brown guilty of "scandalous misrepresentation," and agreed he should be turned over to the sergeant-at-arms to be sentenced at the pleasure of the House. Opposition members voted against the finding, the Legislature being adjourned for two hours to permit the committee court to complete its inquiry.

When Chairman H. J. Ash, Olds, of the committee reported to the House the verdict of the committee, and proceeded to read a recommendation that the reporter be imprisoned in Lethbridge jail, Liberal leader E. L. Gray, a member of the privileges "court", declared no such recommendation re imprisonment in Lethbridge jail had been agreed upon by the committee, and he had been informed by the chairman that he (Mr. Ash) had not seen the report before it was given him to present to the Assembly.

**Imposes Prison Term**

Mr. Ash admitted he only knew the purport of the finding. Hon. Lucien Maynard, who had read the indictment in committee point by point, admitted he had "helped the chairman with the report," and suggested that the words "in the Lethbridge jail" be stricken out. However, in a welter of amendments and divisions forced by opposition members in battling against the verdict, Mr. Speaker ruled the House had voted to accept the wording of the report unchanged. Finally, after heated exchanges between Government and opposition, closure was voted on the main motion to adopt the report and

**Arrested by Nazis**

Duke Maximilian von Hohenberg with his brother Duke Ernest, have both been arrested by the Nazi Austrian government. They were known for their efforts in behalf of the monarchist movement. The two were sons of the Archduke Francis Ferdinand whose assassination in 1914 led to the great war. Other members of their family have been allowed freedom, but many suicides among monarchist Jews and other non-Nazis have taken place during the terror following the Hitler invasion.

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it carried, Lethbridge jail and all, without any debate being allowed. Previously discussion had been strictly confined to amendments, with the understanding that the principle and conduct of the case would be debated when the main motion came before the assembly. Mr. Unwin and various other Social Credit members opposed the prison term, and he and Messrs. Lush, MacLellan and Barnes voted with the opposition to refer the report back.

**House Unanimously Votes "Release"**

Before the House rose Thursday night, Gerald O'Connor, Liberal, Edmonton, moved, seconded by E. L. Gray, that Don Brown be released from custody. Mr. Speaker, in fact, never signed the warrant for Mr. Brown's commitment to Lethbridge, and Friday afternoon Government forces joined unanimously in voting for the Liberal motion. Mr. Maynard spoke in support of it and Mr. Unwin, alluding to his own sentence, said he was glad Mr. Brown would be freed. Even Premier Aberhart, who had voted on all divisions for conviction and sentence the night previously, advocated clemency, though warning that with the press control bill thrown out, action against "inaccurate" reporting of Government doings might have to be taken by means of the privileges committee. He disliked sending people to jail but occasions might arise when the Government's hand would be forced. As a result of the Assembly's "second thought" the reporter, though never arrested was "released from custody" by unanimous vote of the Assembly.

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## CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

## STATES GOOD MARKET

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ers with suitable cattle," he said. Beef cattle farmers sometimes felt competition from dairy cows was unfair on the domestic market as it was low quality beef.

## Veal Calves

Veal calves was another source of income that should not be overlooked by the dairy farmers, he said. Export of live cows and selling of calves for veal would help prevent depressions on the bear market caused by old dairy cows, their times as milkers up, being thrown on it.

If 1938 is as good as 1937 Canadian dairy and cattle men, excepting those in the drought areas, should be reasonably satisfied, Barton said. Beef prices in 1937 were at a peak, the average price of hogs meant profit for those farmers, cheese and butter prices increased and sheep and lamb markets were firm.

## Milk Production and Number of Cows Increase

Moving steadily upward for the past nine years, milk production in Canada totalled nearly 17 billion pounds in 1937, an increase of about 200 million pounds over the previous year.

Milk is used in a variety of ways with only about 40 per cent being used in the fluid form. Buttermaking takes the greatest amount of milk and close to 50 per cent of the total output is skimmed and churned into butter. It takes about 8 per cent of the milk produced to make cheese and approximately 1.2 per cent of the milk is processed into concentrated milk products. The percentage going into ice cream manufacture is relatively small. There was a significant gain in the value of all dairy products in 1937 when, due to increased production and higher prices, the value was the greatest recorded since 1930.

There was an increase of 66,500 in the number of milk cows in Canada from June 1st, 1936, to June 1st, 1937. Since that time there has been a reduction in livestock numbers in the drought areas of Saskatchewan and Alberta, but it is felt that this reduction did not affect dairy cows as much as other classes of cattle.

## REARING BABY CHICKS

Not only does the rearing of a high percentage of your baby chicks depend on the care and attention you give them during the next few weeks after they arrive from the hatchery, charming little balls of yellow fluff; but during that period also are laid the foundations for a healthy adult flock. It is believed by experts that adult mortality can be cut down by eight or ten per cent by adequate sanitation in brooding and rearing chicks.

## Preparing Brooder House

Before chicks are placed in a brooder house, it should be thoroughly cleaned by washing out all the dust and dirt, states a bulletin from the Dominion Department of Agriculture. The floor and the walls near the floor should then be scrubbed with hot lye water, after which the building should be given a good spraying, using a strong solution of a coal-tar disinfectant. The brooder stove should then be set up to dry out the house, the stove being regulated to maintain a temperature of 90 degrees at the outside of the hover, two inches off the floor. Place a low wire screen around the stove two feet from the outside of the hover, so that the chicks cannot wander away from the stove during the first few days. When the wire is removed, round off all corners of the brooder house so that chicks cannot crowd into them. Place on the floor a clean litter of shavings, peat moss, finely cut straw, or fine gravel (never use sand or loam). With a vessel filled with lukewarm water for each 50

## HERE AND THERE

Milk is probably the main source of farming income for the world as a whole. At least this is true of the most highly developed countries. In the United Kingdom, states the Imperial Economic Committee, its value exceeds that of any other farm commodity; in the United States, and even in Canada in certain years, the value of the wheat crop is less than that of dairy production.

In contrast to Canada, where margarine or other butter substitutes are prohibited, Germany produced 417,000 tons of margarine in 1936, the last year for which figures are available. The United Kingdom with 181,000 and the United States with 176,000 tons were the next largest producers in that year.

A ten-week program of Co-operative institutes and training schools will be held this summer at the fine new Michigan camp leased by the Central States Co-operative League. The camp program will be planned to "provide vocational and recreational facilities for the entire family to enjoy itself in a kind of Co-operative Chautauqua."

In the British Empire the largest producer of butter is Australia, which ranks about fourth among the butter producing countries of the world. As an exporter of butter, Australia ranks third in the world list, being exceeded only by New Zealand and Denmark. The margin between these three countries is not great, and they supply Great Britain, the largest butter importer in the world, with 68.3 per cent of her total butter imports which represent 80 per cent of the total butter imports recorded by importing countries.

## DAIRY INDUSTRY ACT

Copies of the Dairy Industries Act of 1937 and Regulations issued under the terms of the Act may now be obtained by all interested free of charge from the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

The act will be found of value for study and reference by all who are interested in the dairy industry.

chicks the house is now ready for the arrival of the brood.

It is advisable never to place more than 250 chicks under one hover, preferably 200, if the chicks must be confined till six or eight weeks old. A small handful of fine grit or gravel may be mixed with the first starter-mash, which is placed on clean boards or paper. Feed several times daily for two or three days, after which the starter may be placed in low hoppers. After the first week place the feeders and water fountains on frames three inches high covered with small-mesh wire; this prevents the chicks from coming in contact with the litter near these dishes. Scrub out the water fountains daily.

Start reducing the heat of the brooder house as soon as the chicks are ten days old, or past the baby stage, so that by the fourth week the only really warm place is under the hover; this may be accomplished by opening up more curtains, allowing more fresh air. It will be found that this will increase feed consumption, resulting in more rapid feathering and producing a healthier chick.

## After Two Weeks Old

Up to the time a chick is two weeks old, maintaining uniform heat and keeping a supply of starter and clean water before the chicks is all that is required. From then on a more bulky feed is required or the chick will develop too rapidly with weak internal organs. To meet this need, sprouted oats and sometimes mangels, are fed. The oats are fed in worn-out pens fitted with wire bottoms, and hung in the pens so that the chicks have to jump to pick out the oats;

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Dr. Royal Copeland, well-known newspaper columnist, was a strenuous opponent in the U.S. Senate of the Wheeler bill, recently passed, to give the Federal Trade Commission power to restrain false and misleading advertising.

as the chicks grow the pails are raised. This feed supplies three important needs of early brooding; it gives a supply of green feed, adds bulk to the ration, and keeps the chicks active. Twice during the day the feed hoppers are taken up to allow the chicks to become hungry. Scratch grain is added at the second week, the amount being gradually increased to all they will clean up late in the afternoon. This is fed in the dry-mash hoppers.

The matter of how often a brooder house should be cleaned is debatable, but experience shows that cleaning twice each week is preferable to once.

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# Current News from Near and Far

## PROVINCIAL

The finest collection of pure-bred bulls in many years are being shown at the Calgary stock shows and sales this week.

Roy Rounds, driver of the bus involved in the death of two small East Coulee children, has been charged with manslaughter.

The Dominion-Provincial youth training scheme, first scheduled to end on March 31st, will be carried on for a further period.

With 9,920 votes, Orvis A. Kennedy, Social Credit, won the East Edmonton by-election over R. C. Marshall, Liberal, with 7,935 and W. Cleveley, Conservative, with 2,480. In 1935 the Social Credit candidate received 5,721 votes, Liberal 4,889, Conservative 2,827, C.C.F. 1,728, Communist 671, Independent Social Credit 378.

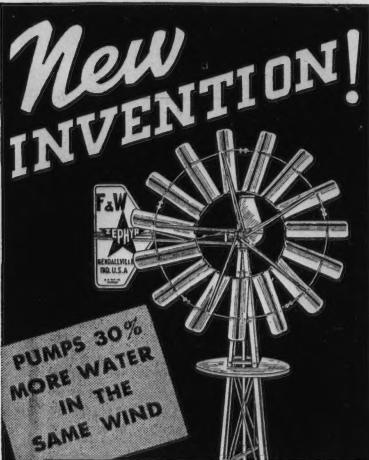
## ASK INCLUSION PROJECTS

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ing seed for future regrassing on each individual farm. The Association also, in conjunction with the Hanna U.F.A., has distributed 2 cars of apples donated by the B.C. apple growers through the U.F.A. Central Office, one car financed by the United Grain Growers, and one by the Hanna A.I.A. About 4,000 persons participated in this distribution.

There are now about 22 A.I.A.'s in the Province, with a membership of about 2,200.

At Saturday's meeting President J. R. Robertson was in the chair. He was re-elected for a further term, with J. Leech as vice-president, Jack Sutherland as secretary, and the following directors: C. W. Hartt, Stewart MacCandless, Grant Yoder, James Meehan, James Macdonald, Taylor J. S. Ross.



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The annual national convention of the C.C.F. will be held in Edmonton in July.

The village of Sylvan Lake is asking assistance of the Provincial Government in maintaining and improving its beach.

One of the worst storms in years raged over the Province on Tuesday, causing losses of spring calves and lambs and transportation difficulties.

To discuss possibilities and methods of co-operating for Provincial political action by the affiliated bodies, a meeting of the Provincial C.C.F. Council was held in Edmonton on Thursday of last week. There were present five representatives of the Canadian Labor Party, five of the C.C.F. Clubs, and two of the U.F.A.

While not extremely heavy, the grasshopper infested area in Alberta has spread northward and eastward, between Lethbridge and Calgary, Federal Government officials state. However, some 680,000 acres are classed as "very severely infested" and a thorough and concerted drive against the hoppers will be required this spring, they state.

The C.C.F. Clubs special convention, held in Edmonton last Friday and Saturday, passed a resolution urging upon the U.F.A. and the Canadian Labor Party, the other bodies affiliated with the C.C.F., the need for co-operation in Provincial politics. Another resolution urged reorganization on the straight party basis. Some 300 delegates attended the convention.

## DOMINION

The House of Commons will take its Easter recess April 8th to 25th.

Lakes in Saskatchewan which last year were completely dried up are beginning to fill with water again.

A committee to study and correlate medical research work in Canada has been set up by the National Research Council, at Ottawa.

A bill giving the Government power to expropriate sub-marginal agricultural lands, set them aside for grazing purposes or direct other use of them, has passed committee stage in the Saskatchewan Legislature.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Union is sending its executive council to Ottawa this week to urge disallowance of the Quebec Padlock Act, or reference of the question of its constitutionality to the Supreme Court.

The net operating revenue of the C.N.R. in 1937 was \$17,607,750, an increase of nearly two and a half millions over that of the previous year; after provision for taxes, rentals and other charges, there was available over \$8,000,000 to apply on interest charges.

## WORLD

Popular disapproval of their capitulation to the demands of Poland for resumption of diplomatic relations forced the resignation of the Lithuanian Cabinet.

U. S. and Great Britain will shortly invoke clauses of the 1936 London naval treaty permitting them to build larger than 35,000 ton battleships, it is expected.

President Roosevelt won another constitutional battle when the Supreme Court ruled valid the Act requiring holding companies to register and submit financial statements to the Securities Commission.

Col. House, adviser of Woodrow Wilson, died on Monday at the age of 79.

Steps should be taken to reduce oil production in the U.S., declared Secretary Ickes.

Nazi activity in Alsace-Lorraine is increasing, states Paul Bonour, French Foreign Minister.

Hitler gave warning recently that Czechoslovakia must give up her alliance with Russia.

A puppet government of Central China has been set up in Nanking by Japanese military authorities.

Arbitration proposals are being submitted to striking workmen in French aeroplane and motor plants.

Some 3,500 Austrians, mainly Jews, crowded into the U.S. consulate in Vienna on Monday, applying for visas.

Reports of U.S.S.R. Arctic fleets being endangered have led to demands for a purge among responsible officials.

By accepting a Senate vote for part only of the money asked for, Premier Blum was enabled to avert another Cabinet crisis.

German minority in Danish Slesvig have become strongly Nazi and declare they consider themselves part of the German Reich.

Prince Joseph Ferdinand and other members of the former royal house of Hapsburg have been placed in a Nazi concentration camp.

Nazi authorities in Vienna, denying that there had been thousands of suicides since the seizure of Austria, admitted to only 96.

Long distance world record for straight flight by seaplane was made by German pilot H. V. von Engel who flew 5,433 miles from Southampton, England, to Caravellas, Brazil.

France and Belgium as well as several South American countries have agreed to join with the U.S.A. in assisting refugees from European dictatorships; Great Britain is reported to be considering the matter.

Mexico will pay compensation to foreign owners of oil properties, valued at \$400,000,000, expropriated by the Government. Since the expropriation, the U.S. has discontinued purchase of Mexican silver.

The Sudeten Germans in Czechoslovakia (who entered Bohemia five or six hundred years ago, and have their own schools and proportionate representation in the civil service, in Parliament and in the Cabinet) having become Nazis are now demanding autonomy. They were citizens of Austria, not of Germany before the Great War.

Declaring that Britain could not guarantee protection except where her "vital interests" were concerned—British territories, France, Belgium, Portugal, Iraq and Egypt—and could not guarantee aid to Czechoslovakia, Prime Minister Chamberlain, in an important statement last Thursday, added that Britain would probably be involved in any general war. "Non-intervention" in Spain would be continued, though he admitted there had been wholesale infringements of the agreement. Clement Attlee, Labor leader, declared there was nothing in the speech that made for peace.

## Canvass Demand for Fuel, Lubricating Oils

A canvass is now being made by U.F.A. Locals in Grande Prairie and Peace River districts to determine the demand for fuel and lubricating oils and the probable support for co-operative distribution through the U.F.A. Central Co-operative. Norman F. Priestley, who was invited to attend a meeting of shareholders of the proposed Co-operative Oil Refinery at Grande Prairie, told them that it would be necessary to open wholesale plants at Grande Prairie and some point, possibly Berwyn, north of the Peace, with underground storage facilities at surrounding points. Considerable cost would be entailed, and the U.F.A. Central Co-operative would need assurance of sufficient support. The shareholders voted to discontinue efforts towards organizing a refinery and to join hands with the U.F.A. This motion was made by A. Swanson, seconded by J. Ganzeveld and strongly supported by I. V. Macklin.

Complete control of life and property of all citizens was given the Japanese Government by vote of the Diet on Sunday as well as power to create corporations for exploitation of resources of central China. Over \$1,400,000 for the war was voted, in addition to the ordinary budget.

## Debate on Plan to Cut Debt by Half Adjourned

EDMONTON, Mar. 30th.—Obviously an issue upon which an agreement had not been arrived at the Government caucus, a proposal in the Legislature Tuesday afternoon by James Hartley, S.C., Macleod, that private debts incurred before July 1st, 1933, be reduced by fifty per cent in principal amounts, marked private members' day with intensive but indecisive debate.

Mr. Speaker suggested that the debate be adjourned until the bill amending the Debt Adjustment Act was discussed.

## Vote for S.C. Board Carried in Legislature

EDMONTON, Mar. 30th.—The sum of \$100,000 was voted for the purposes of the Alberta Social Credit Board, when estimates were considered in the legislature. Opposition members jostled at the item, but it went through without change.

Chairman MacLachlan protested that the Board and experts had been so busy that they hadn't yet found time to complete a report for the Assembly. It might be tabled before the House prorogued.

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## Increase Taxation of Banks by \$105,000

### Assembly Also Considers Bill to Tax Mortgages 2 per Cent

EDMONTON, Mar. 30th—Taxation of banks under the corporations tax act will be increased \$105,000 under a special bill given second reading in the Assembly Monday, this increasing the direct levy on banks to \$325,000 this year, in addition to the increase provided by a raise in the corporations income tax. Hon. Ernest Manning stated the \$105,000 sought was not shown in the estimates as 1938 revenue. The bank taxation bill of 1937 for \$2,000,000 was ruled *ultra vires*.

Introduced ten days previously and given first reading the new securities taxation bill came down in the House Monday in printed form, this imposing a levy of two per cent on first, second or third land mortgages from the first of April, 1938. The tax is charged against the principal amounts of mortgages, but will not apply in the case of persons whose income is not increased beyond the income tax exemptions by reason of mortgage interest revenue.

#### Must Claim Exemptions

Claims for exemption under the securities tax must be made not later than May 1st, this year, and taxes due must be paid not later than the first of June, with penalty for default set at five per cent per month.

Former insurgent members of the Government, mainly responsible for this measure, are said to have pressed for a further extension of the securities tax to include lien notes, chattel mortgages, agreements of sale and other securities other than promissory notes, but this other section of the proposal has not yet put in an appearance and is understood to be strongly opposed by the Cabinet.

#### Crop Liens for Clearing

Among other bills run through second reading and committee of the whole Monday was one providing for a three-year lien on crops for the cost of clearing, breaking or otherwise cultivating land, members voicing criticism of the measure over the fact that lessees or purchasers of land might not be aware of such crop liens, since such liens were not to be registered against the land.

Hon. Mr. Manning's bill to amend the Hours of Work Act also was criticised because it failed to establish the principle of the eight-hour day in government services especially. Mr. Manning said the extra cost to the Government rigidly adhering to the eight-hour day in institutions such as hospitals would amount to at least \$200,000. Many municipal hospitals, for instance, would virtually be put out of business unless some latitude was allowed in the hours of work of employees.

Special bills were presented to the House for the formation of municipal hospital districts and erection of hospital buildings at Olds and Didsbury.

### No Embargo Against Aggressors

In view of German and Italian intervention in Spain, would the Government remove the embargo imposed last year on exports to Spain? asked Angus MacInnis, C.C.F., in the House of Commons recently; or failing that, would the embargo be extended to exports to Germany and Italy? Replying, Prime Minister King said that Canada exported neither arms nor munitions to Germany or Italy. J. S. Woodsworth followed this up with the question, would the Government put an embargo on war materials going to Japan? There was no reply.

Refusal of Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba to recognize Federal jurisdiction has blocked the plan for legislation to control the small loan business in Canada.

## Must Explain Evils of "Democratic System of Government"

*Duties of members of the Canadian Nazi party, as outlined by Le Fasciste Canadian, official organ, include, under the heading of "Propaganda": the explaining to everyone the member comes in contact with the causes of our ills—the Jewish question; Freemasonry; Liberalism; socialism; communism and bolshevism; and the democratic system of government.*

## Levy on All Farm Production Planned

### Not Intended to Come Into Effect This Year—Suggested May Replace Land Taxes

#### Special to *The Western Farm Leader*

EDMONTON, Mar. 30th—Though not intended to come into effect until next year, according to official statements, a bill to levy a tax on all farm production in the Province (to replace, it has been suggested, land taxation) has been announced in the Legislature. Hon. Lucien Maynard obtained first reading of the draft bill in the House March 18th, but it was immediately taken back and a printed bill did not put in an appearance before the House again adjourned March 25th:

The tax will apply on all kinds of grain, hay, alfalfa, horses, cattle, sheep, swine, beef, poultry and dairy products. It would be collected at the time such products were sold. There would be no such thing as arrears of taxes, Mr. Maynard declared.

Opposition members complained that the tax would place a penalty on good farmers. Mr. Maynard said it was an experiment and if it worked all production would bear a tax in the Province. When crop failures occurred naturally the production levy could not be made. The idea was to remove the social service tax except where land taxes were necessary for adequate revenue. Mr. Maynard was hopeful that the new principle would result in lower taxation.

#### Levy on Mortgages

Another major proposal was a bill to levy a two percent tax on first and second mortgages on land, this to be known as the Securities Taxation Act. Indication of this measure, first advocated by insurgent members last regular session was given some time ago in *The Western Farm Leader*. Another companion bill of this nature was expected to be presented this session, providing for similar taxation on many other forms of securities such as agreements of sale and machinery notes, but whether this now comes down as the caucus is said to have ordered, is one of the "long chances" of the session.

#### Home Owners' Security Act

The Home Owners' Security Act, designed to prevent foreclosure of mortgages on rural and city homes protected by "homestead" exemptions was outlined. Mr. Maynard protested hotly when J. J. Bowlen, Calgary, charged that the Government already was forcing people out of their homes for tax arrears. Mr. Maynard defied the former Liberal leader to name one person so evicted. Mr. Bowlen maintained he had names, but he wasn't going to blurt them out for all the world to hear.

It was Gerald O'Connor, Edmonton Liberal, who called the bill "just another sham battle," because Alberta legislation, he said, already made it next to impossible to put people out of their homes for anything but tax arrears. The measure virtually wipes out all mortgages under \$2,000, for this amount must be posted before any action can be taken for foreclosure and will be forfeited to the mortgagor to provide another home.

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The Federal Government has refused assistance for supplying of seed grain in Quebec, Ontario, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, on the ground that such assistance was being given only where there had been severe drought.

out by democracies to their leaders.

It must also be recognized that the failure of the Delegates to accept any responsibility towards the solution of the problems except the removal of the Chief of Staff, have added to the difficulties of the officers in dealing with them and must defer for some further time their solution.

In the meantime, members should hope that the determination of the Convention will lead to more amity and concord in our ranks and wait patiently and loyally within the ranks of their Organization for ensuing developments.

Yours respectfully,  
J. W. COCHRANE:

Numerous letters to the editor, some lengthy, on economics and the policy of the farm movement, are held over, in order that we may give our readers reports on the session of the Legislature. More space for correspondence can only be interpreted as an example will be available after prorogation of the notorious bad treatment dealt the Provincial Assembly.

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### FOLLOWING EVENTS ON THE MAPS

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Dear Farm Women:

I have been wondering for some time past if our Editor realized how extremely useful those subscription premium maps were to be.

I am sure that many of you, especially those whose children have either not advanced to the "geography" stage or are past it, have made much use of them during the past few weeks. Seldom have there been occasions when maps have seemed so necessary to enable the reader to have at all an intelligent understanding of what has been read or heard as the news of the day.

Those of us who are some time removed from the school room have rather a vague recollection of the location of even some of the places where the boundaries have been unchanged. In addition to that, countries seem to have been created. Possibly, however, the governments of such countries would insist they have been restored. Boundaries have been extended or restricted and places which seemed of very minor importance have of a sudden assumed prominence.

#### Important Events in the News

In Africa we have been confirming our remembrance of the location of Abyssinia. In the European map we have been engaged in locating the varying successes in war-torn Spain. Latterly as we have been noting the extending gains of the rebels, our sympathies and our apprehensions increase. Then came Hitler's descent on Vienna and our attention was turned to that part of the map. As we heard of the absorption of Austria and noted afresh the location of Czechoslovakia we were not surprised at the concern felt by the people of that country of the possible future awaiting them. Again the lesser known Lithuania absorbed our interest when we noted that the threat of force compelled them to change their boundaries.

Even at this distance we have the curator, Ellen Starr Brinton.

looked at the maps with a feeling of apprehension for the future of the smaller, weaker countries. In fact as the strength of armed Fascism grows and extends we begin to wonder if it is only the weaker nations that are in jeopardy. France's location seems far from a happy one and what is a narrow sea as a safety zone in these days of powerful air fleets and submarines to cut off supplies?

It is difficult to understand the load of apprehension that must weigh on many of the people of these different countries. It is distressing to think of all the cultural wealth that has been destroyed and most saddening to think of the toll of human life that has been exacted. Can it be possible we are to find this has been but a preliminary?

#### Aggressions of the Japanese

The map of Asia has been scanned as well as we have followed the aggressions of the Japanese. Which reminds me I have just finished reading "I Speak for the Chinese" by Carl Crow (Harper Bros., New York). It is a very slim volume, but the author amply sets forth the part the Japanese have played as racketeers, stirring up trouble in China wherever and whenever possible to serve as pretexts for them rushing in to avenge "wrongs." They have played on the dissensions of the different war-lords and provinces to further weaken China and render it a more easy victim. Unfortunately for the aggressors that plan has not materialized

#### Request Received

The Jane Addams Peace Collection, of the Friends Historical Library of Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, ask for printed or manuscript material on peace—OLD as well as current. In this way, they state, "we hope to secure accumulations of old papers in private homes which might otherwise be destroyed." They will pay transportation charges on all material sent to them, states

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But find for pursuits more congenial  
Few hours can I save!

The work I put in on my budget—  
My interest in which is intense!—  
Takes time but of course I don't  
grudge it,  
So careful I am of my pence.  
But though all requirements on paper  
I somehow can manage to meet,  
Real cash seems quite certain to  
taper  
To ends that won't meet!

Yes, whether my time or my money,  
My leisure or work, I array  
In very neat segments, it's funny  
How surely they "gang aft a-gley."  
But that's how it happens with either  
My long-range or short-term plan,  
And yet, as you know, I am neither  
A mouse nor a man!

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quite as they hoped. A common enemy has rather drawn the Chinese people together. The author also points out that the Japanese militarists have seized opportunities to carry out their plans when Europe has been engrossed with her own troubles.

Mr. Crow maintains that the aim of the Japanese is to impose their culture, which they consider superior to all others, on China. In fact, he considers their ambitions do not end with China.

Most sincerely we hope that justice and peace will be restored and we may not need to use these maps to follow such tragic events.

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

### Activities of Farm Women's Locals

Mrs. J. Walper, Mrs. E. Cormack and Miss Margaret Semple are officers of Alix U.F.W.A.

As a means of increasing membership, Horse Hill U.F.W.A. send copies of their program to every woman in the district.

Mrs. Malloy's letter was read at the last meeting, and enjoyed, writes Miss Martha Rahn, secretary of Willow Springs U.F.W.A.

Rosyth U.F.W.A. held an amateur program, followed by a dance, which was a great success. The proceeds are being used to pay fees for the members and to buy materials for a baby's layette for a needy mother.

The last meeting of Arbor Park U.F.W.A. took the form of a farewell to Mrs. B. A. Dickau who is leaving the district to live in Olds. The members presented her with a linen table-cloth with their best wishes.

Sunnydale U.F.W.A. have held two very interesting meetings since the Convention, one being a joint meeting with the Juniors and Heath U.F.A., to hear Convention reports, reports Mrs. Frank Redmond.

The 250th meeting of Starline U.F.W.A., Claresholm district, was held recently, reports Mrs. G. E. Toone, secretary. After reading of "Sentiment" by Norman F. Priestley, community singing, house-cleaning hints (which proved a great success) Mrs. E. W. Brown gave an exceedingly good report on current events. Mrs. Laing gave the bulletin briefly and a

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most interesting paper on "Ruts," and Mrs. Leo Schoof read the book review; Mrs. W. E. Fenton and Mrs. J. C. Strang served refreshments.

Burnt Lake U.F.W.A. are holding regular monthly meetings, with increasing interest and membership, reports Mrs. B. C. Learned. At the March meeting, plans were made to raise funds to send two Juniors, a delegate and a visitor, to the Junior Conference; and there was a splendid demonstration on remodelling clothes. At the April meeting, donations of vegetable and flower seeds will be received, for forwarding to the drought districts.

#### JUST LIKE DAD

Walter—Gee, Pop, there's a man at the circus who jumps on a horse, slips underneath, catches hold of its tail and finishes up on the horse's neck!

Dad—That's easy. I did all that the first time I ever rode a horse.

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## SOMNAMBULISM

By LESLIE E. DRAYTON, Picardville

Somnambulism is walking in one's sleep. It is quite pleasant while it lasts. I know, for I have tried it. But one may waken with a very unpleasant jolt.

### Sleep-Walking Towards a Precipice

People have been known to get about quite a bit in a somnambulant state, even taking long walks. We have yet to hear of a man doing a day's work in his sleep, but, when it comes to dealing with the grave problems that face the world today, it would seem that the great mass of us behave as if we were asleep. What is more, we are plunging headlong toward a precipice. If we go over it will be a very ugly jolt to us all. Many of us will be blown to pieces, for the precipice is war.

I have no space, here, to analyze the causes of war. Many books have been written on and around that subject and it is doubtful that any single one gives an adequate analysis. But, perhaps this somnambulant state in which we deal with world problems is a root cause. We only need to review the actual behavior of the nations and their people since 1918, to realize that even when they have been trying to outstrip each other with cries of "Peace! Peace!" they have scarcely side-stepped from the road that leads direct to war. Surely, if the masses had been awake, they would have sought another road.

### Roads of Collective Security

It is not as if other roads had not been seen. Woodrow Wilson, Lord Cecil and many others have pointed

to the road of collective security. They have fought strenuously to swing the people of the World into it. Would they turn? No! They glanced at it but stuck right to the road that leads to war. Yet, strange to say, many having heard the words "collective security" were positive that they were heading towards it. If they could have only seen they would have known better. They would have known that "collective security" implied that each nation must give up the right to define and enforce its own rights, just as in the collective security of domestic society each individual has given up the right to define and enforce his own rights. That otherwise there would be nations enforcing rights as contrary to justice as gangsters given a free hand would in domestic society.

They would have known that a League that could not act without an unanimous vote must be incapable of acting at all in really serious threats to the semblance of peace. They would have known that nationalism is the very antithesis of collective security. Yet nationalism has never developed as rapidly as during this twenty years that we have supposedly been seeking collective security. They might even have realized that economic competition is about as stable a foundation for collective security as quicksand is for a castle. But they were only shouting, "Peace" and "Collective Security" in their sleep. It is not hard to see that.

### Are We Awake Yet?

But are we awake yet? I do not think so. If we were we would all be most diligently seeking a way to get off this road to war. We are not. Some are not even concerned about this precipice ahead. They think that only their daily life matters. Many seem to appreciate the danger but prefer to forget about it. To look upon it frightens them but they keep on the road to war, hoping that it will suddenly turn the other way. They are aware of the danger but helpless to find a way out. In a way they are half awake but cannot see their way clearly yet.

However, there are a few who are wide awake and have vision. They see not only one but several ways to escape from the fatal road that the somnambulant masses are dragging the World along. They say: "If all the people of the world would accept a policy of absolute war resistance—" or "If the people of the more powerful nations would really fight for collective security—" or "If they would develop an internationalism one half as intense as present nationalisms—" or "If—". But what is the use? One obstacle always stands in the way.

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Johnny Canucks Juniors (near Vulcan) have held several meetings jointly with the senior Local this winter, with interesting discussions contributed to by members of both Locals. Gordon Sinclair is president, Allan Sinclair, vice-president, and Phyllis Smith, secretary, of the Juniors.

I further appeal to them to study the problem of securing and maintaining peace so thoroughly that they cannot be lulled back into somnambulism. For, even a few determined men can put up a great fight. But the soldiers of Peace must be armed with an understanding of the problems they must solve.

### Setting Cups of Hot Tea or Coffee

near the edge of the table.

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### Junior U.F.A. Activities

A new Junior Local has been organized at Queenstown, writes Mrs. R. R. McBride.

Valentine Oates, Flora Plumb, Leitha Somers and Gladys Somers are officers of Sounding Vale Juniors.

Bon Accord Juniors are entering the Efficiency Contest. One of their stars having come down with mumps, they have had to postpone their play.

Asker Juniors have decided to make and sell grab boxes at a nearby sale, to raise funds. Their officers are Glen Spelrem, Martha Vold and Florence Spelrem.

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### METROPOLITAN "CLOSED SHOP"

A new contract signed recently with the American Guild of Musical Artists makes the Metropolitan Opera, New York, a "closed shop," technicians, members of the orchestra, etc., having already made agreements. The Guild, affiliated with the A. F. of L. numbers among its officers Lawrence Tibbett, Jascha Heifetz, Richard Bonelli, Richard Crooks, Deems Taylor, Alma Gluck and Ruth Breton.

Using the natural hot springs for heating, Iceland now grows, under glass, large quantities of tomatoes, strawberries, cucumbers, grapes, melons, mushrooms, early flowers, etc.

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## Why Cash Wheat Price Soared

A most unusual situation prevailed in the Winnipeg market this week and the premium for cash One Northern wheat soared to 29¢ over the May option. This is an extraordinary occurrence and can only be accounted for by the unique domestic situation.

The West is geared to a substantial production of wheat, say between 300 million and 400 million bushels. Handling and marketing facilities have been built up on the basis of heavy crop volume and substantial supplies during the bulk of the year. For two years in succession crops have been very poor. 1937 was the worst, less than 160 million bushels being produced in the west.

The situation now is that only about 30 million bushels of wheat is in all visible positions, that is not counting the Durum wheat of which there is 14 million bushels, and which is used principally for macaroni. It is not deliverable on the Winnipeg option.

This week saw a rapid spurt in prices, which seems to have been due to a sudden demand for higher grades of wheat, of which there is very little supply. Any move like that tends to excite the market in its present condition.

Throughout the world the condition of the winter wheat crops appear to be very good. This is particularly true of the United States and Europe. The United States seems destined to turn out an excellent winter wheat crop this year.

### B. N. A. AMENDMENT (Continued from page 1) Reasons for Instability

Reasons for instability in farming in Alberta and the West generally were outlined at length by Mr. Gardiner, the submission being summarized under the following headings:

**1. Climate.** In large areas opened to settlement a generation ago long periods of drought make farming not adequate to maintain a reasonable standard of subsistence for the farmer. Hail and frost, insect pests, etc., add to the hazards of the West, and the long hard winters, making it impossible to till the soil for six months in the

## Livestock Markets Review Honored on Occasion of Golden Wedding

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Mar. 29th.—The cattle market is active with prices steady. Good to choice butcher steers are \$5 to \$5.50, common to medium \$3.50 to \$4.50; good to choice heifers \$4.75 to \$5.50. Good to choice fed calves sold at \$5.25 to \$6; good cows \$3.25 to \$3.75; good bulls \$3 to \$3.50. Good to choice veal calves are quoted at \$7 to \$8.50, common to medium \$3.50 to \$6.50. The hog market is unsettled with no quotations established up to Tuesday, although prospects are steady to strong.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, March 29th.—Under light receipts the market has continued active with prices about steady. Fed calves are \$4.50 to \$5.50; good steers \$4.75 to \$5.25, common to medium \$3 to \$4.50. Good to choice heifers are quoted at \$4.25 to \$4.75; good cows \$3.25 to \$3.50; cannery and cutters \$1.50 to \$2; bulls \$2.75 to \$3.25. Better grades of stockers and feeders sold at \$3.25 to \$3.75, others \$3 down. Good to choice calves are \$7 to \$8.50. The hog market is firm with selects at \$10.10, bacon \$9.60 and butchers \$9.10 off trucks. Lambs are quoted from \$8 down; yearlings \$5 down and ewes \$3.50 down.

year, add to the handicaps.

**2. National Fiscal Policy.** Plant and equipment accumulated in the last 30 years has been purchased at much higher cost than would otherwise have been the case owing to the fiscal policy of the Dominion, which has fostered development of industrial plants and commercial organizations by high tariffs.

**3. Transportation Costs.** Freight rates on all commodities being shipped from the West or being shipped into the West should be on a parity with freight rates in Eastern Canada. "Crows Nest rates on export grain should not be used as an excuse for the continuation of discriminatory freight rates in Western Canada."

**4. Taxation.** Revision of the whole taxation scheme should be undertaken with a view to a more equitable distribution which would bear less heavily upon the shoulders of the primary producer.

**5. Price Relationship.** The variation of farm income, due in large measure to improper exchange value for farm products, is responsible for a lower standard of living for the farmer than he is entitled to by virtue of his contribution of new wealth for the benefit of society. The same conditions are responsible for the accumulation of farm debt.

The brief recommended:

**A.** The Dominion Government should devise means to compensate the Western Canadian farmer for the disabilities under which he labors as a result of Canada's fiscal policy.

**B.** The burden of taxation direct and indirect should be distributed more equitably and based upon the principle of ability to pay.

**C.** The freight rate structure of the Canadian railways and auxiliary or competing system should be revised with a view to lessening transportation costs to and from interior areas such as Alberta and Saskatchewan, to the seaboard and markets in Canada. "To have developed, e.g., the Peace River areas, and made possible thereby the production of great quantities of new wealth, should not indefinitely condemn the farmers of that or similar areas to paying prohibitive transportation rates to and from distant domestic or foreign markets as compared with rates paid by their fellow citizens engaged in agriculture in other parts of the Dominion."

**D.** Interest rates on long and short term farm loans should be reduced.

**E.** The whole banking system of Canada should become the property of and be operated by the nation itself, with a view to providing for all classes of citizens banking services at cost.

It is essential to progress that Parliament should have full control over monetary policy. To have such con-

To honor Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Phillips, of Carseland, on the occasion of their golden wedding, some 200 friends and relatives and neighbors gathered in Carseland Hall last Monday evening, March 21st. A bountiful supper was served, and a musical program was given, during which letters of congratulation and good wishes were read from Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, G. G. Coote, and Robert Gardiner. Presentations were made to the guests of honor by the family, and L. C. Hiatt, on behalf of the community—the latter a purse of money.

Mr. Phillips was born April 12th, 1864, and Mrs. Phillips, March 28th, 1867—both in Michigan. They went to the same school and were married March 21st, 1888. They farmed in Michigan until 1908, when they came to Alberta in search of a drier climate. They settled in the Carseland District and have farmed there ever since—Mr. Phillips still carries on farming operations.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Phillips have taken an active part in the community life. Mr. Phillips was a delegate to the meeting which formed the Alberta Wheat Pool; he was a charter member of the Langdon U.F.A. Local and has long been one of the stand-bys of Carseland Local.

trol would make it possible to avoid any recurrence of the policy so ruinous to agriculture which maintained Canada's dollar at levels in relation to the United States dollar in the early years of the depression. Canada's exporting farmers were kept at a disadvantage in relation to the farmers of Australia and Argentina, selling their products at low world market prices without receiving their returns in terms of a dollar stabilized at or near pre-depression value levels.

**F.** The Dominion Government should take steps to secure reduction of the price of farm machinery and repairs. If the Dominion Government cannot devise means to bring about greater parity in this most essential of price relations by securing the reduction of farm machinery prices and of the cost of repairs, it should enter the business of implement manufacturing, taking over sufficient of the existing plant and equipment and serve farmers at cost.

**G.** A thorough and comprehensive survey of the whole problem of farm rehabilitation should be undertaken by the Dominion Government without delay. The Dominion Government should accept full responsibility and a continuously expanding and permanent policy should be adopted by Parliament with a view to re-settlement of misplaced families, adjustment of agricultural operations in drought areas, use of available water supplies, etc.

**H.** Recognition should be given by both Dominion and Provincial Governments to the value of co-operative institutions as a method of introducing the principles of equity and mutual aid into economic affairs, and suitable assistance provided for the forming and fostering of co-operatives.

**I.** The Dominion Parliament should vote increased cash grants to those Provinces where agriculture is a dominant economic activity.

**J.** The Dominion Government should bear all the costs of old age pensions.

**K.** Further aid to higher education, including bursaries and scholarships to colleges and universities and liberal provision for assistance to technical students should be undertaken by Dominion authority.

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## READY TO SPEED UP SEED DELIVERY, MINISTER STATES

**Bill Deals With Seed, Feed and Fuel and Lubricating Oil Relief**

Special to The Western Farm Leader

By C. H. STOUT

EDMONTON, Mar. 30th—Tightening up provisions for repayment, the Government bill to furnish "necessitous" farmers with seed grain, fodder feed grain, fuel and lubricating oil, was advanced through committee of the whole in the Legislature Monday afternoon, this measure based on the guarantee of \$1,900,000 recently obtained from the Dominion Government for the purposes named.

### Seed Grain Reserved

Members were informed by Hon. Solon Low, Provincial Treasurer, that all arrangements have been made to speed up the delivery of seed grain through municipalities as soon as the act is authorized. Mr. Low stated that seed grain has been reserved and that approximately \$1,600,000 will be required for needs of farmers in drought areas. The amount is about the same as provided last year.

In the consolidation bill seed grain advances will be made for arable land up to 300 acres, the schedule being practically identical with the 1937 scale. Where the applicant has 50 acres of arable land, seed will be advanced for this area. If 100 acres are available seed will be provided for 75 acres; if 200 acres the advance will be for 120 acres, and so on up the scale with 300 acres guaranteed where an applicant has 600 acres in cultivation.

### Charge Against Land

Municipal officials will be charged with responsibility of distribution of seed grain and relief, taking notes from the recipients at the same rate of interest charged the municipality under the act, and grain subject to the lien shall not be disposed of during the current year, or the next three years until the note is paid. A charge against the land also is levied, taking priority over all other encumbrances registered at the time of the filing of the lien. Security also may be taken by mortgages on livestock in the case of persons who are lessees, homesteaders or purchasers under agreement of sale. Advances through the municipality may be obtained either from the banks or by direct loan from the Provincial Treasurer.

### TO DISTRIBUTE BRIEF

EDMONTON, Mar. 30th.—The Provincial Government will not present a brief to the Rowell commission on Dominion-Provincial relations, but will have the Alberta Government's case, prepared at a cost of \$11,000, printed and submission made direct to the Dominion Government, and distributed to the people of Alberta, "The greatest jury in the land," Hon. Solon Low, Provincial Treasurer, informed the Legislature Tuesday.

### ASK RELEASE OF G. F. POWELL

EDMONTON, Mar. 30th.—Another resolution, moved by J. H. Unwin, was passed in the Legislature Tuesday, asking for the release of George F. Powell from Fort Saskatchewan jail,

where the London "technical adviser" of the social credit board is serving a six months' sentence. All opposition members with the exception of Dr. Peter Campbell, Lethbridge, who supported it, registered against the Unwin motion, which carried 44 to 9.

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Hello, Folks!

"The Watch on the Rhine" appears to have developed into an alarm clock.

And that reminds us that Dictator Hitler may soon find that the rest of Europe will decline to pay so high a premium for HEIL insurance.

Maybe, only maybe, mind you, after the East Edmonton by-election, Premier King may at long last come to the conclusion that Albertans really do want what they want when they want it.

#### PEAS!

In other words, in this fair Province, we have come to the conclusion that the Partisan Promises and Platitudes of Political Procrastinators are not the kind of Peas that make a satisfactory meal for destitute people.

We see by the papers that twins have been born in a Quebec taxicab. Fare enough, eh?

According to Science Service, the United States has sold 40 million artificial teeth to Great Britain. We don't doubt it. They probably wore out their own chewing the rag with Hitler and Mussolini.

#### NEVERTHELESS, BUT—

But in spite of all these artificial grinders we have an idea that the British Lion can still bite.

Premier Duplessis of Quebec professes to be fearful of the inroads of Communism. But a Padlock law won't provide a key to the situation, will it?

Transport Minister Howe is demanding a University education for air pilots. Presumably, so that in case of a crash they can bring their machines to the ground by degrees.

#### AND HOW, MISTER HOWE!

And of course, during the Great War, the military authorities had to wait for the flying heroes to pass their university exams before granting them licenses to go out and fight the war to end peace.

On the other hand, declares Knotty Frankie, it must be remembered that most Varsity Grads are high fliers, anyhow.

#### ADD SIMILES

As impossible as finding a decent job through a government employment office.

Communication from the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest insists that after all Hitler really has made progress. Yep, he used to be a paper hanger and now he's an interior desecrator.

Postcard from Cynical Gus opines that most old line politicians would soon get fed up if they had to eat their own promises.

#### OR INTO THE VALLEY OF HUMILIATION?

The "trains of thought" started by the Federal Cabinet ministers during the Edmonton by-election seem to have gone off on a trackless waste.

#### ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

A senseless opinion is usually about as immovable as a postage stamp put on by mistake.

In world affairs Austria can no longer take a bow, but it can be made to bend.

#### DID GOLDIE GET THAT RAISE?

We don't know whether the

Now the Trail team have only to knock over the winner of the Port Arthur-Red Lake series to be "top dogs" in the West. That they will do so is a foregone conclusion to anyone who saw these two teams play. Neither the Ports or the Reds have much real class.

Trail's route to the Canadian championship has one big obstacle to overcome and that is the Sudbury team. Sudbury beat Battleford last year to win top honors and are Ontario champions this year. They have a fast, cagy team but we will string along with Trail.

Trail has the nicest balanced pair of forward lines we have seen in the West for many years. The defence is quite good enough, too, particularly in goal. Snowdon, Johnston and Morris may not be the crashing style of defensive players, but they are heady and rangy and hard to get by. Scodellaro in goal is a tough man to beat as the Calgary Rangers found out.

On the offensive Duchak, Kowcina and Macready form one line and Cronie, Benoit and Dame the second. To my mind there is little to choose between the two lines. Both are ready to break out in a rash of goals at any time.

The Toronto Maple Leafs took the tough Bruins from Boston in three straight games in the playoffs for the Stanley cup. This year the Leafs should go on to win. In the last issue of *The Leader* I pointed out that the Leafs looked good. They seemed to be coming into real form instead of going away, like they were at playoff time last year.

The New York Americans and Chi. Hawks are playing off in the other bracket and the winner will play the Leafs. The Toronto team should make quick work of either team. This certainly looks like a Leaf year.

Thos. Hayes, Ontario farmer, and his wife, face manslaughter charges in connection with the death of a 14-year old orphan boy who had been placed with them.

boss gave Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, the raise she asked for, but we do know that her income is now from two to three a.m.

According to a noted author, for good citizens "the only solitude is in the bathroom." Oh, hum, and even there, there are keyholes.

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**Expenditure for Government House to Be Eliminated****Governor to Make Private Arrangement for Residence as Result of Decision**

EDMONTON, Mar. 30th.—The chief item of expenditure eliminated from the \$20,000,000 or so voted in Provincial estimates by the Legislature last week was the appropriation for Government House in Edmonton, official residence of the Lieutenant-Governor. The amount was in excess of \$20,000 and instructions by the Government majority that this money shall not be spent means Hon. J. C. Bowen and family will make private arrangements for their home after April 1st.

Government members demanded that the remark be withdrawn when Gerald O'Connor, Edmonton Liberal, asked if this action was being taken "in revenge" for the action of the Lieutenant-Governor in refusing to assent to three contentious bills last September. Cabinet Ministers declared there was no thought of reprisal and proceeded to divide on the question by deleting the vote. Premier Aberhart and Provincial Treasurer Low declined to vote.

The Lieutenant-Governor is paid \$9,000 official salary by the Dominion Government, but since the palatial Government House was built here nearly 30 years ago it has been regularly maintained at a cost of about \$20,000 annually. No provision was made to retain the staff of several persons, including His Honor's secretary, in the Provincial estimates.

In Ontario the support of Government House by the Provincial Government has also ceased, this policy being adopted by Premier Hepburn as a measure of economy.

The same evening an attempt was made by A. E. MacLellan, Innisfail, to reopen the question of a sessional indemnity increase of \$200 for each private member, but both Chairman Unwin of the committee, and subsequently Speaker Dawson, ruled that the matter had been settled when a former resolution to raise allowances was passed, therefore no further debate was permissible. The increase does not apply to Cabinet Ministers.

For unemployment relief and public welfare a vote of \$1,962,625 was passed, with another \$2,925,000 principally to be paid for the same purpose by the Dominion Government. Direct relief to the amount of \$1,500,000 will be paid by the Federal Government.

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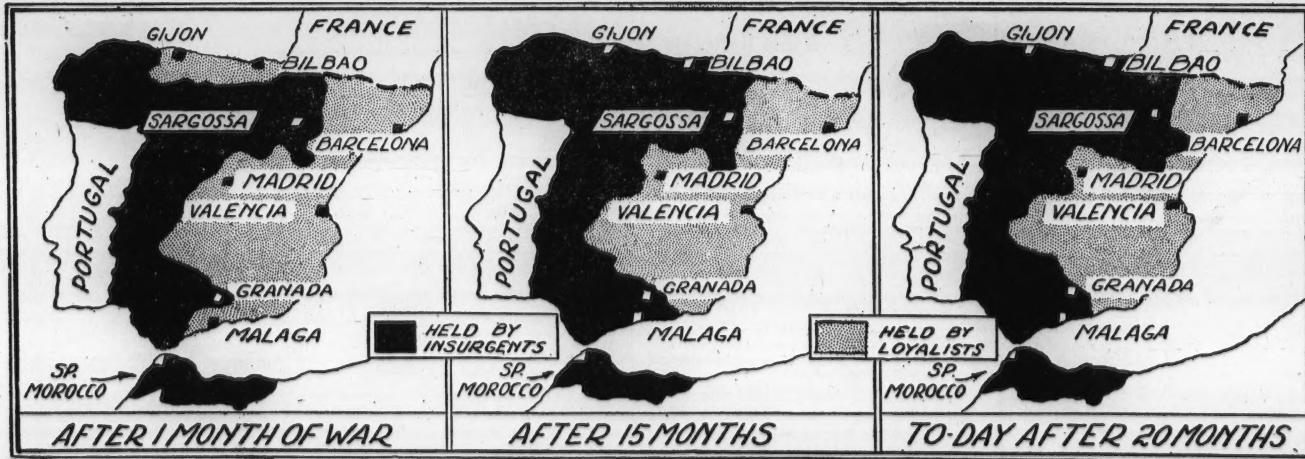


Several sections of New York city saw demonstrations staged by students, March 24th, in the cause of peace. This mass meeting was called in Madison Square Park by students of Hunter College and the College of the City of New York. Parading through the streets with banners and

signs, the demonstrators were closely watched by police. Speakers dwelt upon the betrayal of Spain, now making a desperate stand against the armies dominated and munitioned by Hitler and Mussolini and largely consisting of Italian Nazi and Fascist forces, while the Government is denied by the

democracies the right to import arms for its own defence. The peril of liberty-loving Czechoslovakia was stressed, and united action by all the democracies and other states whose interest lies in the preservation of peace against aggressors, was called for.

### Loyalists, Cynically Isolated by Governments of Democracies, Make Last Stand for Freedom



The progressive gains of the Fascist forces in Spain, shown in the maps above, have been rapidly accelerated during the past ten days. The bombing of Barcelona, carried on for five or six days with unprecedented fury, and resulting in between 800 and 900 men, women and children killed and over 2,000 wounded, was accompanied by a thrust northward into Catalonia, Franco's troops reaching the borders of that Province Monday of last week. Heavy hand-to-hand fighting at Valdealgorfo cost the Government

2,000 casualties, but only temporarily checked the Fascist advance; the towns of Bujaraloz and Barbastro were lost, and on Wednesday civilians were leaving Lerida—important manufacturing town only 80 miles from Barcelona. Government troops, still resisting, are being pushed steadily back towards the Mediterranean, overwhelmed by superior numbers and immensely superior equipment of tanks, aeroplanes, and guns, largely German and Italian. Appeals of the Government for the right to buy arms have been refused on all

sides, Great Britain, France, and the U.S. staying by their policy of "non-intervention" although, as the London *Times* said last week, "Nothing can now save the Government's cause unless foreign intervention comes to its rescue on terms approximately equal to the help given by Germany and Italy to Franco."

Meantime, "We may be defeated," says a recent statement of the Spanish Government, "but we shall not surrender." In that spirit of desperation, they are carrying on the unequal struggle.